

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Pine Barren Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

PINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PINEVILLE, ALA.,

SEPTEMBER 15th, 16th & 17th, 1897.

OFFICERS.

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.....	Pine Apple, Ala.
J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk.....	Forest Home, Ala.
J. W. PURIFOY, Treasurer.....	Furman, Ala.

The next session will be held with Ackerville Baptist Church, Ackerville, Wilcox County, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—J. G. Reynolds, Forest Home, Ala.

Home Missions—W. N. Huckabee, Pine Apple, Ala.

Foreign Missions—J. I. Kendrick, Furman, Ala.

Denominational Education—S. C. Cook, Nellie, Ala.

Denominational Literature—J. B. Harper, Pineville, Ala.

Sunday Schools—A. P. Majors, Chestnut, Ala.

Temperance—J. E. Fore, Turkestan, Ala.

Ministerial Education—W. M. Hestle, Buena Vista, Ala.

Woman's Work—T. S. Bailey, Camden, Ala.

Orphanage—B. W. Watson, Furman, Ala.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

1. The Forty-eighth Session of the Pine Barren Baptist Association convened with Pineville Baptist church, Pineville, Monroe county, Ala., at 10:30 a. m., Sept. 15th, 1897.

2. Bro. W. L. Cahall, of Forest Home, Ala., preached the annual sermon from Mark 15:34.

3. Dr. B. H. Crumpton welcomed the Association to Pineville.

4. Former Moderator, Dr. D. W. Ramsey, called the Association to order, and appointed Brethren W. L. Cahall, W. H. Watt and J. I. Kendrick to read the church letters.

Following Messengers were enrolled:

5. FIRST DISTRICT.

Ackerville—C. T. Little, S. C. Powell.

Allenton—T. M. Perryman, D. H. Adams.

Bethsaida—J. I. Kendrick, J. W. Purifoy, P. V. Spier.

Camden—J. W. Hawthorn, Thos. S. Bailey, J. H. Dukes.

Fellowship—J. E. Knight.

Monterey—William Bloxom, J. G. Donald.

Pine Level—By Letter.

Rockwest—By Letter.

6. SECOND DISTRICT.

Bear Creek—D. P. Watts, J. M. Grice, J. W. Hicks.

Butler Springs—J. W. McCrory, Mark Smith.

Euon—Enoch Burson, J. J. E. Watson, R. S. Hamilton, T. A. Cowart.

Forest Home—W. L. Cahall, J. G. Reynolds, J. L. Glenn, J. W. Little.

Friendship—D. W. Ramsey, D. E. Beard, Calvin Powell, J. F. Fore, J. N. Stanford, J. M. Cone, P. Kyser.

Gullett's Bluff—Frank Fletcher, S. C. Cook.

Mt. Pisgah—Not represented.

New Providence—N. M. Newell.

Shackleville—Not represented.

7. THIRD DISTRICT.

Bell's Landing—W. F. Spencer, J. D. Reaves.

Bethel—Julius Wheeler.

Concord—J. T. Burson, E. B. Burson, Earnest Hestle, W. M. Hestle.

Flat Creek—By Letter.

Indian Springs—J. E. Fore, W. R. McPherson, John Marshall.
 Midway—John Howell, J. C. Anthony, W. M. Brooks.
 Mt. Pleasant—H. N. Lawrence, J. W. Lazenby, S. J. Bird, W. F. Garrett.
 New Hope—W. M. Davison, J. M. Black.
 Pineville—W. G. Address, W. M. Ivey, S. D. Address.
 Spring Hill—J. D. McKinley, Mose Griffin.

8. On motion, Bro. J. I. Kendrick cast the ballot for the present officers—Dr. D. W. Ramsey, Moderator; J. G. Reynolds, Clerk; J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer.

9. After benediction by Bro. C. H. Morgan, the body adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

10. The Association was called to order at 2 p. m.

Prayer by J. F. Burson.

11. The messengers from Spring Hill church requested to be excused on account of the death of their church clerk.

The request was granted.

12. Pleasant Hill church petitioned through their delegate, Felix Tate, to be admitted to membership in this Association. On motion, the application was granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.

13. Corresponding messengers were present as follows:

Dr. B. H. Crumpton—Howard College, Alabama Baptist and Bethlehem Association.

W. H. Fountain, W. B. Kemp, T. S. Wiggins, J. DeLoach, H. C. Johnson, S. H. Dailey, L. R. Riley and W. S. Nash—Bethlehem Association.

C. H. Morgan—South Bethel Association.

J. I. Kendrick—Home Missions and Judson Institute.

W. I. Cahall—Ministerial Education and Foreign Missions.

Sister C. W. Ansley and Master John Thackerson—Orphanage.

14. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to report at this session:

Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Pineville Church.

Finance—J. E. Knight, C. T. Little, J. T. Burson.

State of Religion and Digest of Letters—J. I. Kendrick, J. M. Cone, P. V. Spier.

Requests and Nominations—W. I. Cahall, S. C. Powell, D. P. Watts.

Apportionment—J. E. Fore, T. M. Perryman, J. E. Fore, W. F. Spencer, W. G. Address.

15. Report of Executive Committee was read by J. G. Reynolds:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

1st. We have made strenuous efforts to hold Fifth Sunday Meetings and have held three—Bear Creek, Forest Home and Pine Apple. We regret a lack of co-operation on the part of the churches, as each of the meetings held during the year demonstrated the fact that, although the pastors have supported the work, the general church membership took but little interest in it. We earnestly recommend that delegates be appointed from each church and that they be urged to attend these meetings in future.

2nd. We have endeavored to interest the churches in the matter of Associational Missions. Immediately upon the adjournment of the last session of this body a circular letter was mailed to the several churches in this Association, asking that they notify your committee what amount they would pledge for this purpose. A few responded, but not sufficient to justify us in employing a man. We feel the need of an associational missionary increasing every day. A number of our churches are pastorless, and more missionary in name only. We again recommend that the churches make pledges for this purpose, and request that you will give this subject ample time for discussion in your regular session.

We further recommend that all funds contributed by the churches of this Association for State Missions be sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and he be authorized to apply an amount equivalent to the amount pledged by the churches, and, if necessary, 75 per cent. of the balance in hand to the salary of the associational missionary when secured.

On motion, made special order of business for 9 o'clock tomorrow.

16. Bro. F. M. Fletcher read the following report on Orphanage:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We beg to submit the following report: The Orphanage was temporarily located at Evergreen in January, 1893, and on March 10th afterwards it received its first inmates, Mrs. C. W. Ansley being in charge as matron. It occupied its small rented quarters until November of that year, and the number of children increased to 22. The trustees decided to locate the Home permanently, and after duly advertising in Alabama for bids for the location, they decided to locate it here. Property was bought for this purpose, for which we agreed to pay \$5,000. This debt, with interest, amounting to \$5,400.33, has been paid. Into the Home have been gathered 70 children; 33 boys and 37 girls. We have sent out by apprenticeship two boys; we have returned to their people four boys and three girls, and have sent out by adoption 10 boys and 13 girls, leaving in the Home at present 17 boys and 20 girls. All of these who are large enough are taught to do various kinds of work, and attend the Agricultural School. The health of the children has been good this year and there has never been a death in the Home. We are thankful. Important improvements are being made in the Home this year and money is greatly needed to complete this work.

The current expense of the Home amounts to about \$225 per month.

Collections are always a little short in summer, but we have secured proper support for the family by owing the merchants of our village for it. We hope the Association will come to the help of these needy children.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FLETCHER,
E. I. BAILEY, SR.,
J. W. KELLEY.

After being discussed by Brethren Fletcher, Crumpton, Cone, Kendrick, Sister C. W. Ansley and Master John Thacker, a public collection, amounting to \$15.90, was taken.

Report adopted.

Miscellaneous business.

17. On motion, Mt. Hope church was dropped from the roll.

18. Bro. J. I. Kendrick offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of six—two from each district—be appointed by the Moderator to solicit provisions in this Association for the Orphanage.

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

D. C. Mims, W. G. Andress, W. M. Hestle, B. W. Watson, Daniel Cook, W. H. Watt.

19. After prayer by Bro. Crumpton, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

20. The Association convened at 9 o'clock.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. A. P. Majors, the minutes were read and approved.

21. Special order of business, report of the Executive Committee (15), was taken up, and, after being discussed by Brethren Majors, Crumpton, Morgan, Cahall, Kendrick and Fletcher, was deferred until 2 p. m.

22. Bro. W. L. Cahall read the report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When Christ sent his disciples out into the world, he sent them clad not in their own strength, but in the blessed vestments of his might and power, and with the further assurance, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end.' Realizing, then, our coadjutor and stay, should not we, the Baptists of the Pine Barren Association, put forth

more strenuous efforts for the evangelization of our neighbors? Should not we go forth in the power of our might, conquering to conquer for Christ? But some say that they are opposed to Foreign Missions, because "charity begins at home." Then, my dear brother, in the name of Him who came to rescue dying humanity from the thralldom of sin and the mire of iniquity, I beseech you to begin your charity even at home. And what is charity? Is it not the greatest of the three cardinal virtues—Faith, Hope, Charity (or, as we now translate it, love)? That love which rules the universe; which can take in not only the members of its own church or denomination, but also those upon the highway of corruption; those in the hovels of sin and disgrace, irrespective of nationality or color, even as our Lord, the great pattern of the church, was irrespective thereof. Notwithstanding all of this, only about 8,000 of our 117,000 white Baptists of our State contribute anything at all for missions. How many of these are in Pine Barren Association? How many of us stand before God to-day acquitted of neglect? How many of us are letting our light shine even to the borders of our own Alabama, to lead her sons and to enlighten her daughters in the way of life and truth?

May the number increase till our name is "legion." What we need is not "more light," but that we let more of the light that is in us shine upon the subject. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CAHALL,
Chairman.

Discussion postponed till 2 p. m.

23. The hour having arrived, Bro. J. I. Kendrick preached the missionary sermon from Romans 1:19.

A collection was taken amounting to \$10.00.

24. The Association adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. Crumpton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

25. The Association was called to order at 2 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. Fletcher.

26. Bro. B. H. Crumpton read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has done a great work. Not only in Alabama, but in all the country, the work of the Home Board has been extended and very much appreciated by the people. Brethren, if you have not studied this subject, you have a very imperfect idea of the work being done by our Home Mission Board. Truly they have done a great work, but there is much yet to be done. With the rapidly increasing population of our Southland, we, as Baptists, should increase our efforts in proportion through our Home Board. We find that in our beloved Alabama there are some neighborhoods where no preaching is heard, where no prayer is offered and no sacred songs are sung. Let us help the Boards plant the gospel of Christ in every nook and corner of our State and in other destitute sections of our country.

The tide of immigration will soon turn southward. Already we find the French population of Louisiana, the Germans of Oklahoma

and Texas, and the Mexicans along the Rio Grande from El Paso to the gulf make about 800,000 souls to whom we ought to send the word of life. It is true, this is a hard and difficult field to possess. Many that have been imbued with erroneous doctrines and superstitions of a corrupt Christianity unfold themselves slowly under the Sun of Righteousness, but the impressions they receive are enduring and their religion, when matured by experience, is chiering to behold. With this view of the field, we see that the work we are now doing is but preparatory to the great work that will devolve upon us as Baptists when this tide of immigration shall turn Southward to the mines and factories and fields of our Southern lands.

Our frontier mission field, lying west of the Mississippi, is an interesting field for Baptist work. From it there has come for years the cry for greater help than the Board has been able to give until it has been almost hushed in the hopelessness of despair. And yet we can but ask the question, What ought we to do for these people? They were driven back from these lands which they can never possess again, but we can turn their eyes and hearts to that better land and lead them to that Redeemer who will give them an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, whose fadeless beauties will be theirs forever.

In the regions of Central Alabama Kentucky and Tennessee is one of the most wonderful regions of the globe. It embraces an area of about 140,000 square miles (about twice the size of England). The people who live in much of this area are strongly inclined to our Baptist faith, but there is among them a marked absence of the spirit of progress in things both material and spiritual. Other denominations are realizing the importance of this field and are exerting every effort to possess themselves of its advantages. The Mormons have sent to the Southeastern section of our country about four hundred missionaries, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn. Many of these are laboring among these mountain people teaching their erroneous doctrines. What a shame it will be to us as Baptists if we lose this promising field and allow others to take our crown of glory. Let us see to it that we do our duty toward these people.

The Home Mission Board and the Home Mission Society of New York, in co-operative work among the negroes, have fourteen missionaries employed in four States—three in Alabama, three in South Carolina, four in North Carolina and four in Virginia—who, it is said, are doing good work, holding institutes and otherwise teaching the preachers and deacons how to manage their churches and how to preach a pure gospel.

Our mission work in Cuba is almost at a standstill. Owing to the continued war and the persecutions of our missionaries and the church we cannot hope to do much there yet, but we look forward to the day when the doors of Cuba will be thrown open to the gospel of Christ never to be closed again. Brethren, let us pray and hope on until the day star shall rise and the reflected rays of the Sun of Righteousness shall drive away all darkness and the superstitions of a corrupt Christianity and lead Cuba to the blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BURSON,
Chairman.

27. In the absence of the Chairman, Bro. W. L. Cahall read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The subject of Foreign Missions should be dear to every Christian heart; it is one that ought to receive our prayers, and a good share of our contributions.

To prove the scripturalness of foreign missions it seems would be unnecessary in a missionary body like this. That our blessed Savior was the first great foreign missionary, we only have to peruse the first four books in the New Testament to find out that Peter, Paul, Silas, Barnabas and others were foreign missionaries the Acts of the Apostles fully testify. While this is so, are the 2200 members of this Association in full accord with foreign mission work? Does every member make a contribution to this object once a year? We fear not. On the other hand is it not a lamentable fact that only a small proportion of our membership contribute to this cause? At the session of the Association in 1895 the contributions for foreign missions amounted to a fraction over six cents per member. At the session of 1896 4½ cents per member was contributed. Why this retrogression? Is our zeal getting weak in this glorious cause? It won't do to cry hard times, for we have heard that all our lives. Brethren, let us increase our contributions from 4, 5 or 6 cents per member to at least 10 cents per member. That would give us something over two hundred dollars per year, and while 10 cents is a mere pittance, it is better than the insignificant sum we have been giving. While we regret to report this retrogression (whether apparent or real) we rejoice to know that the cause is receiving a better support from our Southern Baptist Zion at large. It is gratifying to know that the large debt that had been hanging over the Foreign Mission Board was practically canceled at the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Wilmington, North Carolina.

We are also glad to know that in other sections of our own State the cause is more prosperous. The Southern Baptist Convention in 1896 called for the Foreign Mission Board to get a list of churches in its bounds giving annually one hundred dollars or more to our work of foreign missions; 129 churches responded, of which Virginia led off with 41 and Alabama second with 32. Brethren, we call your attention to this prosperity in the work in other sections, not to make you feel bad, but to stir you up to greater zeal and energy in the work. Let us be foreign missionaries, or rather their supporters, or take down our sign. We have no multi-millionaires, as our Northern Baptist brethren have, to give a quarter of a million in one lump for this cause, but we have 2200 communicants who should not only deem it a duty, but a blessed privilege, to give out of their modest earnings to this cause. In Papal fields the Foreign Board have missionaries in Italy, Mexico and Brazil. In Pagan fields we have missionaries in China, Japan and Africa.

The Board calls for larger contributions to enlarge its work in these and other fields. How will we heed that call? May God give us grace to heed it in a substantial way.

J. F. LEE,
D. H. ADAMS,
J. W. PURIFOY,
Committee.

A joint discussion of the four preceding reports (15; 22, 26, 27) was participated in by Brethren Crumpton, Ramsey, Ca-

hall, Kendrick and Morgan, and, after pledges for associational missions amounting to \$259.13, they were adopted.

28. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Benediction by Bro. D. W. Ramsey.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

29. The Association was called to order at 8:30 a. m.

Prayer by Bro. Cone.

Minutes read and approved.

30. Bro. Cahall moved that the special collection of \$10 (23) be turned over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the associational missionary.

The motion prevailed.

31. Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters made report through Bro. J. I. Kendrick (see Statistics, 49). The report was adopted, after verbal reports from each church.

32. Bro. J. G. Reynolds offered the following

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Just as we send our children to Baptist Sunday Schools in order that they may be taught Baptist doctrine, so should we send them to Baptist colleges, in order that they may have thrown around them the influence of men of standing for piety as well as for scholarship. A denominational college is in no sense a parochial school; the time and attention of the pupils are not devoted to an undue extent to the study of articles of faith and memorizing of creeds, but the aim is to make of each pupil a polished Christian scholar.

Although Alabama is rated quite low compared with other States as to the educational qualifications of her citizens, still it is a fact that the Baptists of the State possess two institutions of which no State should feel ashamed. Doing an excellent work now, they demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt, that, had they the patronage and cordial support of our entire membership, their standards could be raised, their work rendered more efficient and their indebtedness liquidated.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

During the past session of Howard College, Prof. A. D. Smith has acted as president, and owing to his thorough business methods and untiring energy has brought the College through one of the most successful years of its history. A year ago the shadow of a mortgage threatened it. This has been averted by the payment of a sufficient sum to cause the Loan Company to consent to a sufficient extension for the friends of the College confidently to hope to see the load completely removed. At the last session of the Board of Trustees Prof. H. M. Roof was elected president and the chairs of Science and English given to Professors Hogan and Foster. From the knowledge

we have of these brethren we can but feel that they have acted wisely in their selection.

JUDSON.

Upon the death of Dr. Averett, Dr. R. G. Patrick was elected to the presidency of Judson Institute. The excellent work done by the Institute during Dr. Averett's incumbency rendered the position of his successor a trying one, but the guiding hand of Providence evidently directed the Board of Trustees in their choice. Dr. Patrick has shown himself a polished Christian, a successful disciplinarian, and an able instructor. There our daughters shall continue to enjoy the ablest educational advantages offered by any college in the land.

In conclusion, we reiterate suggestions offered by preceding committees. The importance of education can hardly be over estimated; and if this be true it is likewise a fact that the claims of our Denominational Colleges should have a firmer hold upon our Baptist brotherhood and elicit from them a more earnest support, assuring them that they get value received for every cent that they pay to either of our institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. REYNOLDS,
J. E. KNIGHT,
W. J. MELTON,
Committee.

33. In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education report as follows:

There were in Howard College last year twenty-eight students for the ministry. Of this number, six asked for no help; four asked for only partial aid, and the remainder (seventeen) asked for entire college expenses. Your committee would urge, in the very strongest language possible, the importance of self-help on the part of our young preachers. We urge this for two reasons: First, it would stimulate the brotherhood to more freely contribute to the aid of ministerial education. In the second place, it would develop self-reliance, which is a great factor in the make-up of sturdy manhood.

Your committee notes with great pleasure the fact that seventeen of our students did more or less preaching during the session, six of whom have regular preaching stations. Birmingham and its surrounding territory furnish vast fields for the exercise of ministerial gifts, and a young man burning with a love for perishing souls will not keep silent because he is prosecuting a course of study in a literary college. Those young men who are preaching and trying to maintain themselves are the preachers we would strive to help. God's Word makes it imperative upon our churches to look out those whom the Holy Ghost hath called to preach and give them the means by which they may equip themselves for their high and holy calling. The Savior enjoins it upon us "to pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

W. N. HUCKABEE,
Chairman.

Reports were discussed jointly by Brethren Cahall, Crump-ton and Kendrick.

Adopted.

34. Bro. D. P. Watts read the following

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, your committee, beg leave to offer the following report:

First. We recommend to this Association, first, last and all the time, the Holy Bible—the Word of God, the Book of Books, and advise that you study that and familiarize yourself with it, because, first, it is God's Word and revelation to us; in it we learn the whole plan of salvation and our duty to our Heavenly Father and our neighbors; we can lay hold on any or all of the three thousand promises made to man; they are given to increase our faith and strengthen our hopes, which is an anchor to our souls both sure and steadfast. They are adapted to every condition of men, rich and poor, old and young, educated and illiterate. Without it we know absolutely nothing of God's revealed word to man.

As a denomination, we recommend the reading of the Alabama Baptist; this will post you about the work of the denomination in this State. For general information, we recommend the Western Recorder, the Religious Herald, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and a score of good papers published throughout America, both North and South. Nearly forty millions of periodicals were sold by the American Baptist Publication Society last year. Thousands of them are helpful reading matter, and many of them good aids as Sunday School literature. The field is so broad and denominational literature so extensively published we can't say where to begin or where to stop, but we do advise you to read; read and inform yourself, remembering that we are created in God, our likeness, and just in proportion as we grow in intelligence and grace "we shall be like him."

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. WATTS,
Chairman.

After appropriate remarks by Brethren Fore, Cone and Morgan, was adopted.

35. The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. J. L. Glenn:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The duty of Christianizing the world stands unquestioned in every Christian land. Among the many organizations, the aim of which is to push forward this cause, we find the Sunday School in its own peculiar sphere, with its own peculiar work. It has its place among Christian enterprises, and is now regarded as one of the most important and potent factors in the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom.

We are gratified to state that our Baptist Sunday Schools compare favorably with those of other denominations throughout the country, and it is a matter of still further gratification to state that the Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Pine Barren Association are getting upon a higher plane, conducted upon more systematic methods, and yielding more satisfactory results. We urge upon those churches that have no schools, and those that are indifferent toward them, the duty of organizing and maintaining their Sunday Schools, if for no greater reason, upon economic principles. Our observation

leads us to conclude that in those churches where Sunday Schools receive most faithful attention, the churches themselves are most prosperous, the pastors are better paid, the contributions for missions are more liberal, and the boys and girls grow up to be men and women of greater usefulness. We wish to emphasize the oft repeated recommendation of the periodicals sent out by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. This Board was organized about six years ago by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the results that have followed the efforts of the Board fully demonstrate the wisdom of the Convention in its creation. The enterprise is a success, whether measured by its income-making powers or by its educational forces and possibilities, and we think there are no periodicals more sound in doctrine or better adapted to the various grades of classes.

Since the Board began its work, it has given, as stated by Dr. J. M. Frost, the Secretary, "in cash, over sixteen thousand dollars to Sunday School missions in the different States; it has given over thirteen thousand dollars to the Home and Foreign Boards, and over twenty-five hundred dollars for the advancement of other denominational interests; and, besides these cash donations, it has given away about eight thousand dollars worth of Bibles and books and tracts and periodical literature to mission schools, in all aggregating nearly forty thousand dollars."

While there are several ways suggested by which we may assist the Board in carrying forward its work, the first thing, and the simplest and easiest thing we are asked to do, is to supply our schools with literature from the office of the Board at Nashville. In his last report to the Convention, Dr. Frost made this statement, to which we call especial attention: "The only way, rather the main method, of helping the Board in their work, is in supplying the Sunday Schools with the periodicals which are owned and controlled by the Convention, and which, besides other things, make prominent the missionary interests of the Convention," and we believe the subject of missions ought to be made more prominent in all our Sunday Schools, for here we are laying the foundations of the future in missionary training.

We would not raise the Sunday Schools above their sphere, but, notwithstanding all we see in their present condition to awaken gratitude and encouragement, we insist upon still better and more systematic work in these schools, the recognized helps to the home, helps to the church and helps to the pulpit in bringing the children into the Master's Kingdom, and in the building and development of Christian character.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. BURSON, Chairman.

Discussion by Brethren Cone, Fletcher and Morgan.

Report adopted.

36. Bro. W. L. Cahall read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, respectfully submit the following:

From the days of the most remote antiquity down to our present age of intellectual and moral progression, ruin to a great extent has been one of the human family's greatest and most triumphant foes, in causing crimes to be perpetrated; death and mourning; some of our brightest youths to be reared in ignorance. It has brought many

a fond mother and loving wife to an early and untimely grave. And if some steps are not taken to suppress this great evil, its wave will roll on. Now, beloved friends, let us take a glance at history and prove that the use of rum will make man a brute. For example, look at Alexander, who, through his achievements, was called the Great. He fell a victim to the wine cup. In this day of known depression and hard times, the direct cause can be traced to intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. RIDGWAY,
Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Fletcher, Fore, Cone, Spurlin and Davison, and adopted.

37. The following report was read by Bro. J. I. Kendrick on Woman's Work:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It is indeed pleasant to report that there is increased activity and interest manifested throughout many of our States in Woman's Work. Especially is this noticeable among the young women constituting the membership of our young ladies' societies. It is beautiful to see with what promptness and zeal the various committees meet and prepare their reports. They have many organizations and ways to procure money for both Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, ministerial education, aged and infirm ministers, church building and Bible work. Special work has been done by them to help rebuild the Judson Institute, lift mortgages, etc. Notwithstanding all this, their contributions to missions have not fallen off, which is a matter for rejoicing. Alabama's report for Foreign Missions, Home and State Missions and Church Aid amounts to \$7,607.53 this year. The entire receipts of the Woman's Missionary Union for the year are \$53,407.64; Home Missions, \$29,931.31; Foreign Missions, \$23,476.33.

Because of the financial depression all over the country, the droughts in some places, and floods in others, the offerings probably represent more real sacrifice than in any previous year. Through the coming year may we draw nearer to our prayer-hearing God, and may there be many more of our Christian women to join this union band of workers.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAUDE HARDY,
HENRY MELTON,
Committee.

Discussion participated in by Brethren Kendrick, Crumpton and Cahall.

Adopted.

38. Bro. Cahall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the churches be requested to send as many ladies as possible to the next session of this Association, that a mass meeting may be held in the interest of woman's work.

Resolution concurred in.

39. The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report at the next session:

State Missions—J. G. Reynolds, J. E. Knight, J. L. Glenn.
 Home Missions—W. N. Huckabee, H. N. Lawrence, W. F. Garrett.
 Foreign Missions—J. I. Kendrick, J. W. Purifoy, Oneal Spier.
 Denominational Education—S. C. Cook, T. S. Packer, J. N. Stanford.
 Denominational Literature—J. B. Harper, C. W. Boyles, Wm. Cater.
 Sunday Schools—A. P. Majors, T. A. Cowart, J. J. E. Watson.
 Temperance—J. E. Fore, W. L. Fort, C. L. Grimes.
 Ministerial Education—W. M. Hestle, J. F. Finklea, D. C. Burson.
 Woman's Work—Thos. S. Bailey, F. M. Fletcher, F. Tate.
 Orphanage—B. W. Watson, J. L. Skinner, W. A. J. Stewart.

40. Bro. J. F. Fore made the following report on Apportionment:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

	GENERAL PURPOSES.	ORPHANAGE.
Ackerville	\$ 25 00	\$ 7 00
Allenton	25 00	7 00
Bear Creek	20 00	5 00
Bell's Landing	10 00	5 00
Bethel	12 00	3 00
Bethsaida	100 00	25 00
Butler Springs	10 00	3 00
Camden	30 00	10 00
Concord	50 00	20 00
Enon	25 00	5 00
Forest Home	65 00	20 00
Fellowship	30 00	20 00
Flat Creek	3 00	2 00
Friendship	100 00	20 00
Gullett's Bluff	10 00	3 00
Indian Springs	10 00	2 00
Midway	15 00	5 00
Monterey	10 00	3 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 00	3 00
Mt. Pleasant	25 00	5 00
New Hope	10 00	3 00
New Providence	5 00	2 00
Pine Level	10 00	2 00
Pineville	25 00	5 00
Pleasant Hill	5 00	3 00
Rockwest	25 00	5 00
Shackleville	10 00	2 00
Spring Hill	10 00	2 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FORE,
 W. G. ADDRESS,
 T. M. PERRYMAN,
 J. E. FORE,
 W. F. SPENCER,
 Committee.

Report adopted.

41. The report on Requests and Nominations was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Requests and Nominations report as follows:

Executive Committee—J. G. Reynolds, J. I. Kendrick, John E. Knight, W. J. Melton, Claude Hardy, W. A. J. Stewart, W. H. Watt.

To preach Annual Sermon, at 11 a. m. Wednesday—Rev. J. I. Kendrick, of Fumman; alternate, Rev. W. N. Huckabee, of Pine Apple.

To preach Missionary Sermon, at 11 a. m. Thursday—Rev. C. H. Morgan, of Peach Tree; alternate, Rev. D. W. Ramsey, of Pine Apple.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—A. P. Majors; alternate, W. J. Melton.

Next session to convene at Ackerville, Wilcox county, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CAHALL,
D. P. WATTS,
S. C. POWELL,
Committee.

42. Committee on Finance reported through Bro. J. E. Knight. Report adopted. (See Financial Exhibit, 46, 48).

43. The following resolution of Bro. Kendrick was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Association defray the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that the Executive Committee take this collection.

44. Bro. W. L. Cahall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the members of Pineville church and the community generally for courteous, generous hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors in attendance at this associational meeting.

Unanimously adopted.

45. The Association united in singing "God be with you till we meet again," and taking the parting hand, after prayer by Bro. Crumpton, adjourned, to meet with Ackerville church, Ackerville, Wilcox county, Alabama, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, at 10 a. m.

J. G. REYNOLDS,
Clerk.

D. W. RAMSEY,
MODERATOR.

46. TREASURER'S REPORT.

I beg leave to submit my annual report :

J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer, in account with Pine Barren Association.
1896. Dr.

Sept. 17.	Cash from Finance Com. for Minutes	\$ 26 88	
	“ collections for Minutes	1 75	—\$ 28 63
	from Finance Com for S. Missions	39 16	
	“ “ “ “ H. “	39 12	
	“ “ “ “ F. “	44 43	
	“ “ “ “ Minist'l Ed	17 11	
	“ “ “ “ Bible & Col	1 00	
	“ “ “ “ Col. Building	4 85	
	“ “ “ “ Ind'g't Min	8 90	
	“ “ “ “ Orphanage	43 65	
	“ collection for Missions	21 00	—\$247 84
Total amount of vouchers		583 46	
			\$831 30

1896.

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Sept. 17.	Cash paid J. G. Reynolds for Minutes, v 1,	\$ 26 88	
	“ collection for Minutes	1 75	—\$ 28 63
Oct. 26.	“ paid Rev. W. C. Bledsoe for S. M., v 2	39 16	
	“ “ “ “ H. M., v 3	39 12	
	“ “ “ “ F. M., v 4	44 43	
	“ “ “ “ M. Ed. v 5	17 11	
	“ “ “ “ B. & C. v 6	1 00	
	“ “ “ “ C. B'g v 7	4 85	
	“ “ “ “ In. M. v 8	8 90	
	“ “ Rev. J. W. Stewart for Orp'g, v 9	43 65	
	“ collection for missions, v 10,	21 00	—\$247 84
Total amount of vouchers		583 46	
			\$831 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. PURIFOY.

Treas. Pine Barren Association.

We, the Finance Committee, have examined this, the Treasurer's Report, and find same correct.*

J. E. KNIGHT,

C. T. LITTLE,

J. T. BURSON,

Committee.

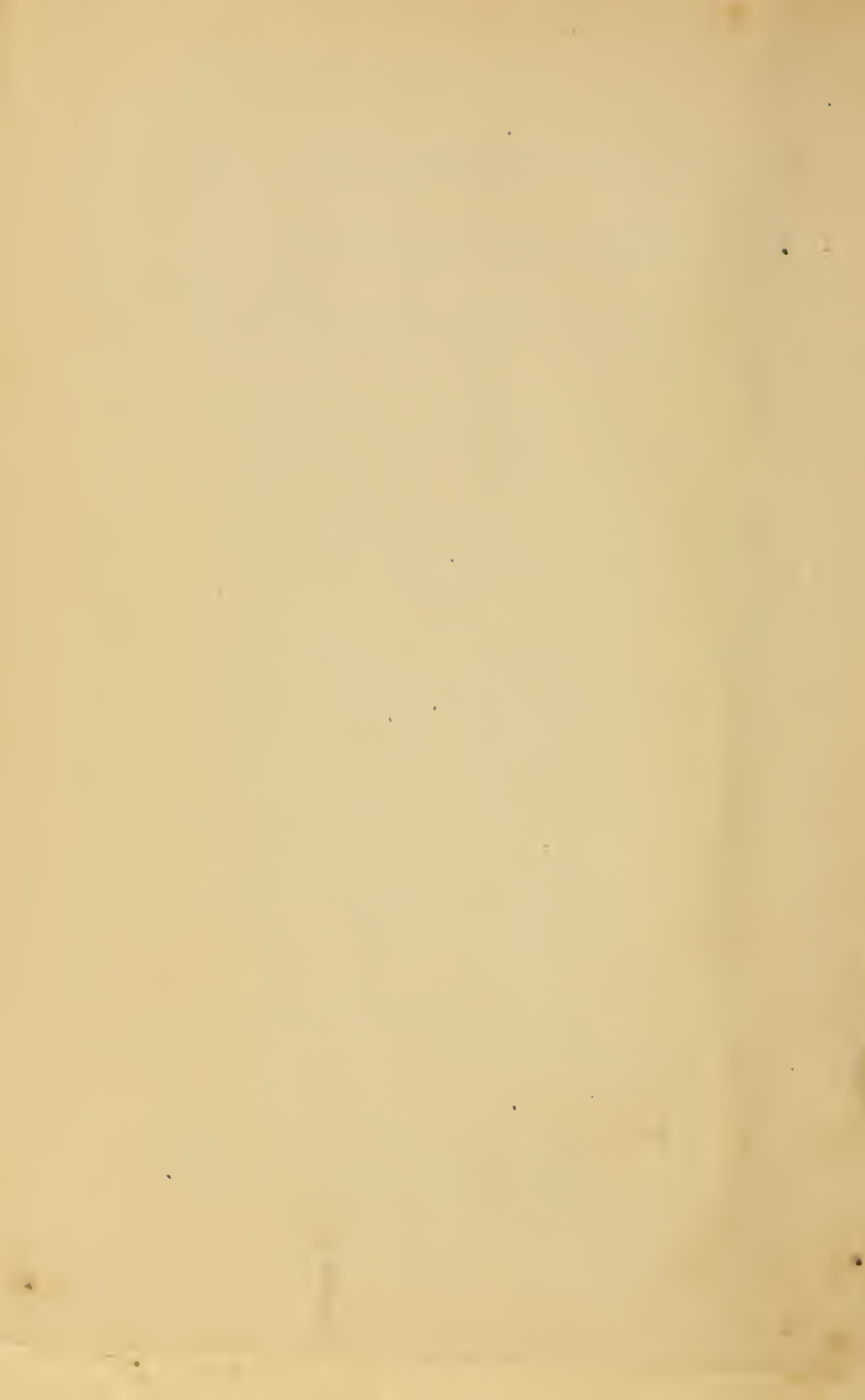
47. ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

D. W. Ramsey	Pine Apple, Ala.
W. L. Cahall	Forest Home, Ala.
A. P. Majors	Chestnut, Ala.
W. N. Huckabee	Pine Apple, Ala.
S. Moore	Butler Springs, Ala.
I. S. Ridgeway	Turkestan, Ala.
W. L. Fort	Turkestan, Ala.
F. M. Fletcher	Camden, Ala.
Jas. I. Kendrick	Furman, Ala.

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK AND POST-OFFICE	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND POST-OFFICE.	Memberships last Re- ported.	Increase Decrease							Present Membership.	Sund. School Officers and Teachers.	Sund. School Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
						By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Voucher.	By Restoration.	By Exclusion.	By Forfeiture.	By Death.				
Ackerville*†	Wilcox	I. L. Kendrick	C. T. Little, Ackerville	C. T. Little, Ackerville	112	1	4	—	2	1	—	114	11	59	2	
Allenton	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald, Allenton	W. M. Fitzgerald, Allenton	51	3	—	—	4	4	—	46	8	50	2	
Bear Creek	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	D. P. Watts, Caledonia	D. P. Watts, Caledonia	86	1	—	—	—	1	—	86	—	50	2	
Bell's Landing	Monroe	C. H. Morgan	O. H. Spencer, Sallie	O. H. Spencer, Sallie	21	—	—	—	—	1	—	19	—	—	3	
Bethel	Monroe	L. S. Ridgeway	H. L. Wiseman, Lockeville	H. L. Wiseman, Lockeville	46	7	—	20	—	—	—	73	—	—	1	
Bethesda*†	Wilcox	J. T. Kendrick	W. M. Purdy, Furman	J. L. Skinner, Furman	191	3	—	10	—	3	—	181	14	80	163	
Butler Springs	Butler	W. M. Rabb	A. W. Carter, Pine Flat	H. E. Carter, Pine Flat	88	6	2	—	—	1	—	83	7	40	3	
Camden	Wilcox	L. A. White	J. T. Farley, Camden	G. G. Spurlin, Camden	120	1	1	—	7	2	—	113	8	42	3	
Concord*	Monroe	C. H. Morgan	J. J. Fluker, Buena Vista	M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista	85	16	6	—	—	2	—	101	3	35	3	
Enon†	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	E. Burson, Fatama	T. P. Majors, Chestnut	64	—	—	3	—	1	—	60	3	27	4	
Fellowship†	Wilcox	W. L. Cahall	C. S. Scott, Monterey	C. S. Scott, Monterey	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	3	
Flat Creek	Monroe	W. L. Cahall	W. H. Watt, Forest Home	J. G. Reynolds, Forest Home	100	7	2	2	3	4	—	104	9	56	2	
Forest Home†	Butler	D. W. Ramsey	H. E. Melton, Pine Apple	H. E. Melton, Pine Apple	247	1	4	—	5	3	1	258	12	75	163	
Friendship*	Wilcox	R. M. Fletcher	C. C. Sellers, Camden	S. C. Cook, Nellie	42	3	5	1	1	9	—	42	4	30	1	
Gullett's Bluff	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Fore, Riley	W. L. Fort, Turkistan	77	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	4	60	3	
Indian Springs	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. C. Anthony, Abbott	W. M. Higdon, Skinnerton	125	6	1	—	2	1	—	133	15	90	1	
Midway	Monroe	W. L. Cahall	T. E. Knight, Monterey	W. M. Higdon, Skinnerton	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	1	
Monterey	Butler	W. L. Cahall	J. T. Dean, Georgiana	W. M. Higdon, Skinnerton	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	—	—	—	
Mt. Pisgah	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	S. J. Byrd, Simpkinsville	W. N. Lawrence, Pine Apple	130	22	10	3	5	2	2	156	7	53	2	
Mt. Pleasant†	Monroe	A. P. Majors	H. O. Gwynn, Natchez	W. M. Davison, Natchez	69	3	—	—	5	1	—	69	3	30	2	
New Hope	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	T. S. Packard, Coy	W. M. Davison, Natchez	27	—	—	—	—	2	—	24	—	—	4	
New Providence	Wilcox	W. H. Huckabee	W. B. Taylor, Greenville	J. L. Pierce, Manningham	29	5	—	—	—	—	—	29	2	12	3	
Pine Level*	Butler	B. H. Crumpton	William Ivey, Fork	J. B. Harper, Pineville	76	—	—	2	7	—	—	75	5	40	1	
Pineville	Monroe	F. M. Fletcher	E. Tate, Camden	M. F. Bonham, Camden	28	10	15	—	—	—	—	25	4	50	2	
Pleasant Hill†	Wilcox	C. H. Morgan	J. E. Gullett, Camden	I. B. Burson, Rock West	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	4	15	4	
Rock West	Butler	W. L. Cahall	J. J. Fall, Shackleville	J. E. Gullett, Camden	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	—	
Shackleville	Monroe	L. S. Ridgeway	W. C. Griffin, River Ridge	W. A. Griffin, River Ridge	43	5	2	—	—	1	—	49	5	40	1	
Spring Hill	Monroe	L. S. Ridgeway	W. C. Griffin, River Ridge	W. A. Griffin, River Ridge	43	5	2	—	—	1	—	49	5	40	1	
TOTAL					2075	93	58	1	30	74	18	15	2138	131	884	

*Reports Prayer-Meeting. †Reports Revival.



APPOINTEES.

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alternate, Rev. D. W. Ramsey.

To be Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. A. P. Majors;
alternate, W. J. Melton.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. G. REYNOLDS,

Jno. E. KNIGHT,

W. J. MELTON,

CLAUDE HARDY,

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J. I. KENDRICK,

W. H. WATT,

